## Little Swanport language

**Little Swanport Tasmanian** is an <u>aboriginal language</u> of <u>Tasmania</u> in the reconstruction of Claire Bowern. [3] It was spoken near the modern town of <u>Little Swanport</u> on the east coast. Dixon & Crowley had noted that it appeared to be distinct, but were not sure if it constituted a separate language from other word lists collected near <u>Oyster Bay</u>. [4]

The Little Swanport language is attested in a list of 211 words collected by George Augustus Robinson.<sup>[5]</sup>

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Little Swanport	
Region	region of Little Swanport, eastern Tasmania
Ethnicity	Oyster Bay tribe of Tasmanians
Extinct	19th century
Language family	Eastern Tasmanian
	<ul><li>Oyster Bay</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Little Swanport</li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	None (mis)
Glottolog	None oyst1235 (http://glottolog.or g/resource/languoid/id/oyst12 35) (Oyster Bay + Little Swanport) <sup>[1]</sup>
AIATSIS <sup>[2]</sup>	T15 (https://collection.aiats is.gov.au/austlang/language/T 15)

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